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SUBJECT: HELSINKI MONITORING GROUP ASSESSMENT OF
BELGRADE CONFERENCE

1. FOLLOWING, FOR YOUR INFORMATION, IS REACTION OF
MOSCOW HELSINKI MONITORING GROUP TO BELGRADE MEETING.

2. ON NOVEMBER 21, THE MOSCOW HELSINKI MONITORING GROUP
ISSUED AN 8-PAGE INTERIM ASSESSMENT OF THE BELGRADE
CONFERENCE. THE REPORT WAS SIGNED BY GROUP MEMBERS
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REPORT WAS ALSO ENDORSED BY: ANDREI SAKHAROV, TATIANA
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BAKHMIN, ALEXANDER PODRABINEK, ROSTISLAV GALETSKY AND
VLADIMIR SHELKOV- KHRONIKA PRESS HAS-PREPARED THE
FOLLOWING SUMMARY OF THE REPORT.

BEGIN TEXT.

A. THREE POST-HELSINKI DEVELOPMENTS HELPED TO FOCUS ATTENTION ON THE HUMANITARIAN PROVISIONS OF THE FINAL ACT: PRESIDENT CARTER'S STRONG HUMAN RIGHTS STAND; THE

GROWTH OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS MOVEMENT IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA, POLAND AND THE USSR; AND INCREASED PUBLIC ATTENTION TO HUMAN RIGHTS QUESTIONS AS REFLECTED BY WESTERN PARLIAMENTS, TRADE UNIONS AND SCIENTIFIC SOCIETIES.

B. THE FINAL ACT'S PRINCIPLE 7 WITH ITS SPECIFIC CITATIONS OF THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE COVENANTS OBLIGATES THE BELGRADE CONFERENCE TO REVIEW THE WHOLE RANGE OF HUMAN RIGHTS AS WELL AS THE SPECIFIC HUMANITARIAN PROVISIONS OF THE FINAL ACT ITSELF. THE UNITED STATES, HOLLAND, DENMARK, NORWAY, SWEDEN AND BELGIUM HAVE SPOKEN OUT ON THE HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUE, BUT THEIR EFFORTS HAVE BEEN UNDERMINED BY LACK OF SUPPORT FROM THE LARGER EUROPEAN STATES. A THOROUGH APPRAISAL OF THE WHOLE HUMAN RIGHTS PROBLEM, BASED ON THE 23 DOCUMENTS SUBMITTED BY THE MOSCOW GROUP AND ALL OTHER AVAILABLE MATERIAL, IS NEEDED. A FIRM BUT NOT CONFRONTATIONAL STAND BY THE WESTERN STATES IS NECESSARY. IF THIS RESULTS IN A BREAK-UP OF THE CONFERENCE, IT WILL BE A REGRETTABLE BUT ONLY TEMPORARY INTERRUPTION OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THE PROCESS OF DETENTE. A CAPITULATION TO SOVIET INTRANSIGENCE, HOWEVER, WILL HAVE PERMANENT NEGATIVE EFFECTS.

C. THREE CATEGORIES OF PROBLEMS SHOULD BE REVIEWED AT BELGRADE:

1. VIOLATIONS OF FUNDAMENTAL HUMAN RIGHTS AFFECTING MANY PERSONS: THE INFRINGEMENT OF RELIGIOUS LIBERTY; VIOLATIONS OF THE RIGHT TO EMIGRATE; THE EXTENSIVE USE OF FORCED CONVICT LABOR IN THE USSR; THE INFRINGEMENT OF THE RIGHTS OF MINORITY NATIONALITIES.

2. VIOLATIONS OF BASKET THREE PROVISIONS ON HUMAN CONTACTS AND THE EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION: RESTRICTIONS ON FOREIGN TOURISTS IN THE USSR AND SOVIET TOURISTS ABROAD; RESTRICTIONS ON CONTACTS BETWEEN EMIGRES AND THEIR FAMILIES; UNSATISFACTORY ACCESS TO FOREIGN PUBLICATIONS, FILMS AND BROADCASTS.

3. IMPRISONMENT FOR NON-VIOLENT EXPRESSION OF OPINION: REPRESSIONS AGAINST HELSINKI MONITORS; PERSONS

IMPRISONED FOR DEFENDING THE RIGHTS OF OTHERS (KOVALEV,
GLUZMAN, MARCHENKO, LANDA AND OTHERS); PERSONS IMPRISONED
FOR RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES (VINS, ROMANYUK AND OTHERS);
PERSONS IMPRISONED FOR EXPRESSION OF CRITICAL OPINIONS
OR NATIONAL ASPIRATIONS; PERSONS IMPRISONED FOR ATTEMPTS

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TO LEAVE THE USSR (KUZNETSOV, BUTMAN, FEDORENKO, ZOSIMOV
AND OTHERS); SERIOUSLY ILL POLITICAL PRISONERS
(SERGIENKO, SHUMUK, SHAKHVERDYAN PLAKHOTNYUK AND OTHERS).
(THE MOSCOW GROUP SUGGESTS THAT THE BELGRADE CONFERENCE
REQUEST AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL TO PROVIDE A MORE COMPLETE
LIST OF PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE IN THE HELSINKI STATES
AND A REPORT ON CONDITIONS OF THEIR DETENTION.)
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